

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ACCIDENT FUND

What do we want: Stop Pay How do we stop TTD: File a Form 21

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Form 21

- The Employer's request for a hearing;
- Similar to the Injured Worker's Form 50;
- \$25 filing fee;
- Hearing must be set within 60 days of the filing of a Form 21.



Reasons to File Form 21:

- Injured Worker has returned to work full duty or on light duty with work restrictions accommodated by employer;
- Injured Worker has reached maximum medical improvement;
- Injured Worker is being non-compliant with treatment.



Why is Returning to Work the Best Option for Employers?

- Carrier can stop pay immediately upon the I.W. return to work. Otherwise, Carrier is required to continue paying weekly benefits (TTD) until the matter is heard and decided by a hearing commissioner.
- Frequently, an injured worker is released to light duty work prior to reaching maximum medical improvement.
- When the matter is ready for a resolution, a Commissioner will look at how many weeks of TTD have been paid. The longer the I.W. is on TTD, the more likely a Commissioner is going to find that the disability is significant.
- It's difficult to prevail on non-compliance- a Commissioner is often willing to give an injured worker a second chance.